

REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action, dated August 13th, 2003, in which: Claims 1, 3-5, and 11-29 are allowed; claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jung (U.S. Patent No. 5, 701,368, hereinafter "Jung"); and claims 7-10 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-29 are now pending the above-referenced patent application. Claims 6 has been cancelled in the interest of expediency, and claims 7-10 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication that claims 7-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No claims have been added. In light of these amendments, reconsideration of the objections to claims 7-10, and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner allow all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-9427.

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